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## Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Governor's Green Youth Awards Program

The Governor's Green Youth Awards Program recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of youth in Illinois who are working on environmental and conservation friendly projects.

To be eligible for a Green Youth Award, projects must involve one or more of the following categories: waste reduction, prevention/reduction of pollution in the air, water or land; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; and energy or water efficiency. Examples of projects submitted in the past include:

**Waste Reduction:** a school-wide recycling program that encouraged not only recycling but also waste reduction and environmental education

**Reducing Water Pollution:** a storm sewer stenciling project

**Restoration/Preservation:** the creation of a wetland area

**Energy Efficiency:** school-wide energy audit and facilitation guide

This year, awards were presented during a ceremony at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago, hosted by Renee Cipriano, Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Seven outstanding projects, from waste reduction to water quality, were recognized.

Youth currently enrolled in K-12 public, private or home schools and who have participated in an environmental project may apply for the award. Clubs and other organizations such as Scouts and 4-H are encouraged to apply as well. Winners may be eligible for certificates, plaques and/or financial assistance to provide resources necessary for their programs.

In an effort to conserve resources, the 2004 application will be available on the Illinois EPA website, [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us). To have an application directly mailed to you or for additional information, please contact Toni Leigh at 217-557-7826 or e-mail [Toni.Leigh@epa.state.il.us](mailto:Toni.Leigh@epa.state.il.us).

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